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**PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY
DELAYED CLAIM FOR THE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR-FILED APPLICATION**

Dear Sir:

Applicants' representative has observed that (1) the Filing Receipt, mail date March 2, 2006, correctly indicates that this application is a 371 application of PCT/EP04/06426, filed June 14, 2004, which claims priority to United Kingdom application 0313916.9 filed June 16, 2003, (2) the Notice of Acceptance, mailed March 2, 2010, indicates that the priority document filed on December 13, 2005 was received by the United States Patent & Trademark Office, (3) the transmittal letter submitted on December 13, 2005 indicates a claim of priority to June 16, 2003 and (4) the declaration signed by the inventors claims priority to GB Application No. 0313916.9, filed June 16, 2003. However, upon review of the specification, Applicants' representative did not find in the specification a recitation of the claim of priority to United Kingdom application 0313916.9. In the event that a petition is required for the priority claim to United Kingdom application 0313916.9, and out of abundance of caution, Applicants submit

herewith a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of priority in order to claim priority to United Kingdom application 0313916.9, filed June 16, 2003.

Applicants' representative submits that the entire delay between the date the claim was due and the date in submitting this petition was unintentional. Applicants' undersigned representative was not aware that the specification did not recite the claim to priority to United Kingdom application 0313916.9 until yesterday.

A Request for Continuing Examination and Amendment to the Specification reciting the claim to priority to United Kingdom application 0313916.9, filed June 16, 2003, is submitted concurrently with this Petition.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the fee due under 37 CFR § 1.17(t) and any additional fees required in association with submission of this, concurrent, and future responses, and any necessary extension of time fees, to deposit Account No. 07-1392.

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